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Re: Docket #: 98P-0151/CP1


To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Downed animals are subjected to the most inhumane conditions such as being dragged by chains, pushed by tractors and finally, left to die slow, painful deaths. In addition to the deplorable conditions they experience during their short lives, permitting these sick animals, once slaughtered, to be utilized for food puts the public at risk for contracting various diseases, not least being Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease.

Consequently, the FDA would be doing both the animals and the public a major service by ensuring that first of all, farm animals are treated more humanely so they don't become "downed" and secondly, that if they do become ill, they are quickly and humanely euthanized.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

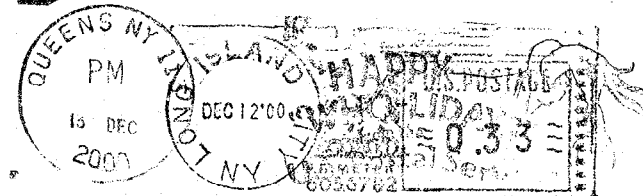


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